

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Stockbury Parish Council
held in Stockbury Village Hall on the 18 March 2020 at 7.30pm**

Councillors Present:

Phil Woods

Lyle Cathcart

Dave Tomsett

Anne Southern

Patrik Garten MBC Councillor

Meeting chaired by Phil Woods

Also present, members of the public

1. Apologies:
Mick Bingham, Frank Mace, Hannah Brown, Sherrie Babington- Parish Clerk.
2. No declarations of interest.
3. Previous Minutes agreed.
4. No matters Arising from Minutes.
5. No reports from external meetings.
6. Consultation re Agenda Covid-19 situation to be discussed.
7. A249 Junc 5 Enquiry – Question of the deadline for submissions of 6th April, assumed postponed as well as Inquiry itself. Phil to write to see if it is still going ahead.
8. Planning Matters – One Planning Application - no objections.
Remaining planning matters on agenda deferred.
9. Cheques for signature, Phil will liaise with Dave
VE Day funds – see item 14.
10. No external reports.
11. No correspondence.
12. A discussion of delegated powers and the suspension of public meetings of SPC in view of the Covid-19 crisis follows. Councillors vote unanimously to adopt the policy re delegated powers and to suspend public meetings for the foreseeable future, for the safety of councillors and members of the public. Sherrie to be informed by Phil of the decision and Phil to put a piece in The Observer.
13. See item 7 on agenda.

14. VE Day celebrations postponed to VJ Day in August, subject to confirmation nearer the time after assessing the situation at the time.
15. Main item for discussion not on the agenda, for both councillors and public, is the Covid-19 crisis and SPC setting up a Volunteer Support group in the village involving Stockbury Church, represented by Rev Julian Staniforth.

There followed the main part of the meeting, a discussion with input from the public attending, about the setting up of the Covid-19 support group, the form it should take, what may be needed by villagers, shopping, collection of prescriptions, telephone support etc and who will be involved. Rev Staniforth informs the meeting he is a voucher holder for Sittingbourne Food bank so has access to the foodbank if required by any villager. Dave suggests the mini bus phone can be used for the support group as a main communication point. A sum of £2000 can be made available, if required, by SPC to fund the support activities of the volunteer group, obtain provisions and essentials etc if required.

A meeting to set up the volunteer organisation is arranged for 11am Friday 20th March in the village hall.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.